



**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**Expedited Procedure Art Unit 1615**  
Docket No.: 000166.2025-US02  
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
Henry R. Costantino et al.

Application No.: 10/688,059

Art Unit: 1615

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For: MICROENCAPSULATION AND SUSTAINED  
RELEASE OF BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE  
POLYPEPTIDES

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2006 (Paper No. 20061128), finally rejecting claims 1-17, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and

any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740.